



ROCK CAMP





Instructors:

Crispin Catricala – Director of Rock Camp
Andrew Hearn – Drum Instructor
James Kirk – Bass Instructor

Production Team:

Gabi Ramsundar: Lighting Technician
Nick Salvatore: Technical Director/Production Manager
Nathan Cox: Audio Engineer

Proctors Collaborative Staff:

Philip Morris – CEO
Jean Leonard – Chief of Staff
Christine Sheehan – Director, Collaborative School of the Arts
Shai Davenport – Education Programs Manager
Angel Flores – Youth & Community Programs Manager
Teddy Foster – Director of UPH
Karen Good – House Manager

Musical Numbers:

“Pinball Wizard” – The Who
“Cult of Personality” – Living Colour
“I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For” – U2
“1979” – The Smashing Pumpkins
“Sunshine of Your Love” – Cream
“Where Is My Mind?” – Pixies
“Higher Ground” – Red Hot Chili Peppers
“Nowhere Man” – The Beatles
“Movin’ Out (Anthony’s Song)” – Billy Joel
“High & Dry” – Radiohead
“Rock and Roll” – Led Zeppelin
“Take Me to the River” – Al Green



THE BAND

Patrick Barry – Guitar
Athen Della Ratta – Guitar, Sax
Molly Dolan – Vocals
Sophie Duerr – Bass, Guitar, Vocals
Lucas Griffin – Guitar
Lucas Heffern – Drums
Tanner Knaggs – Drums
Sawyer Lewis – Guitar, Vocals
Daniel McAlonie – Bass
Kaden McFee – Drums
Lucas McManus – Drums, Keyboard
Milo Modany – Drums
Oliver Modany – Bass
Joey Plantz – Guitar
Elias Prodger – Guitar, Vocals
Ava Sprengnether – Keys, Bass
Aidan Toolan – Drums



INSTRUCTORS

Crispin Catricala (Director of Rock Camp) – received a B.A. in Music Composition from SUNY at New Paltz ('82) and an M.S. in Music Education from the College of Saint Rose ('93). He began studying guitar at age 13 and performing at age 17 with numerous groups. Crispin co-founded the regional celebrated World Beat ensemble Pangaea (92-07). The 15-year-old ensemble, known for mixing equal parts Caribbean Funk, Afro/Cuban and Jazz Rock into a high- energy performance has shared the stage with such musical artists such as Hugh Masakela and Richie Havens. The band released a self -titled recording in 1998, which contains many of Crispin's originally composed songs. Crispin also released a duet recording of mostly original compositions with mallet vibraphonist Dave Casner entitled "Geo Beat Duo" (2012). In addition, Crispin taught at Ballston Spa Middle School as music instructor and jazz band director for over 25 years, where he often mentored and encouraged his students to form bands of their own. Crispin continues to teach privately in his home studio. He is currently performing solo as well with several projects including Geo Beat, The Stone House Trio and The Swing Docs.

Andrew Hearn (Drum Instructor) – grew up playing in bands with friends around central New York. He began playing out professionally while in college at the Crane School of Music. After graduating, he played shows for Music Theater North (summer stock theater in Potsdam) which led to two three-month tours of Europe. After returning home, Andrew started his teaching career at South Colonie Central Schools and has been an active member of the capital region music scene performing and/or recording with various rock, pop, jazz, theater and blues groups. He has played local concerts such as Albany's Alive at Five, Concerts at the Plaza Series, Jazz on Jay St, Lark Fest, Captain JP Blues Cruise and more. Andrew's drumming has been aired on local radio stations: 102.7 WEQX, 103.9, 106.5 WPYX, as well as XM Sirius Satellite Radio and local TV (Time Warner's The Sounding Board). Recent recording credits include the Joe Finn Trio Plus One "Generational Dynamics" and Tas Cru's "Memphis Song" and "Drive On". Tas Cru's three most recent recordings (with Andrew on drums) all have won a Syracuse Area Music Award for best blues recording. Mr. Hearn has an enthusiasm for the evolution of drum-set playing in all styles of music and he's looking forward to rocking with you!

James Alanson Kirk (Bass Instructor) –was born in New York's Hudson Valley and spent his formative years studying piano, violin and later, bass guitar and double bass. Moving to Los Angeles, James attended the Musician's Institute, studying with Putter Smith and Todd Johnson, and later worked with artists including Randy Weeks (Can't Let Go), Rick Monroe, Bleeding Harp, The Secret Burlesque Show, and numerous others. Since relocating back East, James has been active in the greater Hudson Valley scene, where he currently plays with Woodstock-based songwriter Marc Delgado and Nite-Time NYC.

"Music has taken me on the most incredible journey and has been a vehicle for personal growth. To be a musician is to always be a student; it is a journey with no end, no true mastery, as there is always more to know."

MEET THE BAND

Patrick Barry – Patrick goes to Maple Ave Middle School and loves playing guitar and drums. This is his first time at Rock Camp and every day he leaves saying how much fun he's had! When he doesn't have anything to do you can find him practicing his favorite instruments and playing video games.

Athen Della Ratta – an incoming 10th grader at Schenectady High. He plays guitar, saxophone and keyboard. This is Athens' second summer at Rock Camp. When he isn't playing music, he likes to play video games and hang out with friends. A fun fact about Athen is his knowledge for fun facts. For example, a worm has five hearts that pump blood through its two blood vessels.

Molly Dolan – is a 14-year-old who has been singing for as long as she can remember. She does theatre and is learning how to play guitar. This is her first year in Rock Camp. In her free time, Molly likes to play video games, listen to new artists and write her own music!

Sophie Rose Duerr – is a sophomore at Guilderland High School. Creativity is where Sophie shines and she clearly has a passion for music! This is her third year attending Rock Camp and she absolutely loved the experience. When she is not writing music and playing bass, she is on stage as a cast member of her High School Theater Club -The Guilderland Players. She is always creating music and is an accomplished songwriter and musician. She plays bass guitar for her High School Pep Band, as well as a recipient of the Collaborative School of the Arts 2023 Young Playwright Contest at theREP. Sophia looks forward to continuing to share her passion for music and the arts and to exploring ways to increase awareness of the importance of creative forms of expression.

Lucas Griffin – has been playing guitar for two years. This is his first-time doing Collaborative School of the Arts Rock Camp, but he has participated in other rock camps!

Lucas Heffern – is excited to be a part of Rock Camp this year and is really enjoying the experience and learning a lot! Lucas recently played percussion for the 2023 Mini Summer Jam at Nanola hosted by Rocky's Music Studios and has been taking lessons there for two years. Lucas is also a member of the Averill Park Jazz Band and Band Ensemble. Lucas also completed his first NYSSMA solo this year! Lucas also plays soccer for FC Dutchmen and Averill Park and enjoys skateboarding and snowboarding in his free time.

Tanner Knaggs – is 16 years old and has been in Rock Camp for three years. It is his last year, and he is so excited to perform one last time on the UPH stage!

Sawyer Lewis – is a 12-year-old singer and guitar player. Sawyer is excited to be in Rock Camp for the first time. He can't wait to perform on the UPH stage. Sawyer would like to thank his parents for helping him get into the program and thanks to Crispin, Andrew and James for opening the door for him!

Daniel McAlonie – is happy to be back at Rock Camp for his second year. He is going into 9th grade at Averill Park High School. He has been playing bass for three years. He also plays guitar and double bass. Daniel is in the school orchestra and jazz band. Daniel participated in NYSSMA and played in the suburban council orchestra. He also plays lacrosse, soccer and runs indoor track.

Lucas McManus – is excited to be back at Rock Camp for a third summer! Lucas is a senior at Ballston Spa High School and is part of the wind ensemble, varsity jazz band, a member of trim and the Science

Olympiad Team. He has played percussion for the Capital Region Wind Ensemble and has done many live shows on both drums and keys with the Rock School Program at Modern Day Music. Lucas is also in his second year in the Pit Orchestra for Broadway Camp's "The Prom."

Milo Modany – is looking forward to his first performance at Universal Perseveration Hall. Milo has attended multiple rock camps over the years, but 2023 is his first year attending the Collaborative School of Arts program. He started playing drums in early 2020 and toward the end of that began participation in Modern Day Music's Rock Band Program. Milo has had the opportunity to perform covers and original music. During his free time, Milo enjoys song writing and playing tennis.

Oliver Modany – had a blast in his first year at the Collaborative School of the Arts Rock Camp. He has been playing bass for almost three years. He takes weekly lessons at Modern Day Music and participates in their Rock Band program year around. Additionally, Oliver has participated in Rock Band summer programs at School of Rock. Outside of playing bass, Oliver participates in year around recreational basketball and his school's Chess Club. He enjoys following Boston sports teams, writing and listening to music and playing video games.

Thomas O'Connell - is enjoying his first year at Rock Camp this summer. He has been playing drums since 2020 and now also plays auxiliary percussion in the Saratoga Springs High School Symphonic Band including pieces on marimba, chimes, snare drum and full drum kit. He played the full kit for this year's spring performance of the song "September" by Earth Wind and Fire. Thomas also plays with his friends in their own jam band, the Kleanerz, and will on occasion make a guest appearance with the local jam band, Melon. Thomas has played drums for a few local volunteer gigs as part of a jazz trio with his brother and their friend. Thomas is an honor roll student at Saratoga High School, entering his sophomore year in the fall. When not drumming Thomas enjoys attending concerts, biking, snowboarding and playing video games.

Joey Plantz – is excited to be back at Rock Camp at UPH. This is his third summer participating in the program. Other credits include performing live at Wicked Eatery in Clifton Park with the Rock School program at Modern Day Music, the Proctors Children's Arts Festival in Schenectady and playing the National Anthem for several local sporting events. Joey also plays the drums. Outside of music, Joey enjoys playing football, basketball and spending time with friends and family. Joey will be entering eighth grade at O'Rourke Middle School in Burnt Hills this fall. He would like to dedicate this performance to his family for always supporting him.

Elias Prodger - is a 15-year-old from Saratoga Springs. This is his first time performing in Rock Camp, but he has performed in a number of open mics!

Ava Sprengnether – Is a bassist and a keyboardist. She has been playing bass for one year and keys for five years. She is 12 years old, and this is her first year at Rock Camp. Ava loves playing with other people and is very happy to be here. During her free time, she enjoys running, martial arts and of course playing music.

Aidan Toolan - has greatly enjoyed his experience at Rock Camp this summer! Aidan developed a passion for drums at an early age when he began rhythmically turning pots and pans into percussion instruments. He has been taking lessons with Rocky Petrocelli since he was six years old. Aidan was a percussionist for the Goff Middle School's Band and Jazz Band. This year he was the recipient of Goff Middle School's Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. As a member of the Goff Jazz Band, Aidan participated in Music in the Parks where they won first place both years he participated. Aidan was selected to be a

member of the Rensselaer All-County Band. He has performed solo and duet pieces for NYSSMA. Aidan is currently working on improving his skills to become a member of Columbia High School's Jazz Band.

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